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In re Patent Application of:

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Examiner: LE, HOA VAM

For: DEVELOPER FOR RECORDING MATERIALS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement, applicants hereby provisionally elect the following species within general Formula (1):

Ra is an alkyl group having 1-18 carbon atoms;

Rb is a hydrogen (or its homologues); and

Rc is a hydrogen (or its homologues).

This election is made without traverse. Claims 1-21 read on the elected species.

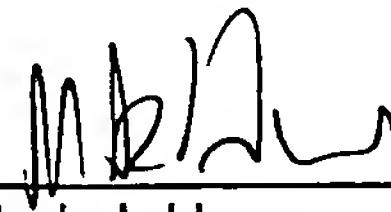
Spanning pages 2-3 of the Office Action, the Examiner requests a translation for five (5) non-English references. Some of the references mentioned by the Examiner are described in the specification. Some of the references are listed together with their degree of relevance in an English language Search Report supplied to the Patent Office. Referring to 37 CFR § 1.98 and MPEP § 609, a description in the specification or an English language Search Report can serve as an explanation of relevancy, which satisfies Applicants' duty of disclosure. It is submitted that Applicants have satisfied their Duty of Disclosure for each of the references. Applicants request that the Examiner now study the references and consider each to the extent he believes appropriate.

An early Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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